

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~June 10th, 1959COCOM Document No. 3560COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONUNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATIONEQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANYJune 4th, 1959

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM 3511, 3544.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the previous meeting (COCOM 3544) a number of Delegates had given the views of their authorities on the United Kingdom proposal to export certain airborne communications and navigation equipment to the Soviet Zone of Germany. He invited Delegates to give the further views of their authorities.
2. The GERMAN Delegate confirmed the statement he had made at the previous meeting that his authorities could not agree to this export.
3. The FRENCH Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable. They felt that it was not wise to assist the aircraft industry of the Soviet Bloc by supplying equipment for prototypes.
4. The BELGIAN Delegate said that the views of his authorities were not favourable and they were not sure that the equipment was destined for civil aircraft. Moreover there was no certainty that such aircraft would even be used on flights to Western countries, thus the Notes to Item 1501 did not necessarily apply. In addition his authorities were anxious to avoid giving any undue assistance to the development of the aircraft industry in the Soviet Bloc.
5. The UNITED STATES Delegate said that the final views of his authorities were not favourable for the reasons he had described at the previous meeting. They had been informed that only one model of the turbo jet type number 152 had been constructed and that it crashed in March 1959.
6. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the discussion on June 12th.

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